NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

FEBRUARY 13, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7 p.m. Introductions were made around the table. Those in attendance were: Doug Ballou; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Don Wastler, citizen; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds, Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Alex Maynes, Pleasant Highlands; Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Milada Allen, Felida; Bridget Schwarz, FOCC; Marc Boldt, Clark County Commissioner; Gloria Sommer, Andresen/St. Johns; William Moyer, Pleasant Highlands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ballou announced that Bud Van Cleve came through his hip replacement operation well and will be back on his feet soon. Bud has asked for each neighborhood association leader to submit to him a list of all the volunteer activities they are involved in. He also would like to hear of any road or sidewalk projects that need to be done to be reported to him. He is also on the citizens advisory committee for ADA and would like to hear of any situations concerning the ADA with photos if possible.

Doug announced the Cowlitz meetings to be held Wednesday and Thursday nights at Prairie HS and Ft. Vancouver HS respectively at 7 p.m.

NACCC will present the 'Employee of the Year' award at the State of the County luncheon on Friday, February 17.

NUSA applications were passed around for those who are interested in attending the conference this year in late May. Clark County will be sending three neighborhood representatives to the conference. Susan Gilbert, Sue Lintz and Art Stubbs volunteered to be on the selection committee.

Doug passed out literature on the following subjects: Lunch Buddy program, Klineline Bridge update, Betts Bridge update, and Operation Fairy Godmother.

Lianne Forney's retirement will be next week. She was unable to attend this meeting as planned but we all wished her well.

COMMISSIONER MARC BOLDT

Commissioner Boldt gave a brief update on the annexation situation. The commissioners are trying to be consistent in what they say not only with the City of Vancouver, but all the other cities in the County as well. There were opposing approaches to the Boundary Review Board: The city wanted to discuss the details with the Boundary Review Board. The County wanted the details before going to the Boundary Review Board. They are letting the wounds heal and he stated that citizens' involvement will be crucial in every annexation and wants annexations to go out for vote.

They are in the process of setting up a meeting with elected city officials to discuss what is the city's vision and what do they want. The county will do the same with the joint agreement that they both plan for good roads.

He mentioned that the Cascade Park annexation went well until they had a town hall meeting where 400 people did not buy in to the annexation. He stressed that they need to be consistent with annexation—the citizens care about the sheriff, restaurant health codes, etc.

Doug Ballou wanted to know how annexation affects those citizens in the county when the county loses future revenue.

Commissioner Boldt stated that when a slice is chosen by the city for annexation with the balance of residential and industrial/commercial, the county will put out petitions and hold hearings. There is a big problem with no jail space and there ensued a discussion about the number of sheriffs and staff that is scattered over the county.

Comprehensive Plan Update—The commissioners hope to have a working plan by April or May with the reliance on two things: 1. The population will not change and, 2. Sensitive lands will be paid close attention to.

They will be hiring a transportation policy person directly under the commissioners who will think logically about improving our roads.

The meth task force has been meeting for six months and they will be coming out with recommendations.

On the Columbia River Crossing Project, the commissioners will recommend a third bridge be built over the Columbia.

They will put a priority on sex offenders with money to the sheriffs office for better registration.

There then ensued an informal and lively discussion on every subject under the sun.

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Bridget Schwarz, FOCC asked that NACCC lend their name to holding Wal Mart to local community standards. No decision was made formally but there was hesitation on many to get involved with private enterprise.

Robyn Kim, Greater Brush Prairie—The EIS is in and the association will be looking through the huge volume for errors and they plan to appeal.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point—Susan stressed again the importance of attending the governmental meeting on the Cowlitz proposal Wednesday and Thursday nights. She wanted everyone to be aware that the process involved in the fee-to-trust application has been less than transparent and the BIA has not been fulfilling FOIA requests in a timely manner. This would be the most important meeting on this subject that has been held so far.

Milada Allen, Felida–Milada and her sister want information for the upcoming website from each neighborhood. Contact Milada for e-mail addresses, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, February 19, 2006